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In Re application of)
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Application No. 10/562,468)
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For: PRINTING MACHINE AND)
PRINTING MACHINE SYSTEM)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the subject US application, in which a Notice of Allowance was mailed to the undersigned on February 23, 2008, but in which the issue fee has not been paid, as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18, 20, 21 and 27 were previously cancelled. Claims 22, 23, 25, 26 and 28-36 are carried forward. Claims 19, 24 and 37 are amended, all as follows:

19. (Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 37 further including[:] a drive connection in said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit and mechanically coupling said forme cylinder and said transfer cylinder in said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit, said at least one first cylinder drive motor being engageable with said drive connection and being adapted to rotate said forme cylinder and said transfer cylinder through said drive connection, both said drive connection and said at least one first cylinder drive motor being also situated on said operating side of said printing press.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 including a second web-fed rotary printing unit and further including said plurality of prepared connection points for each of said at least first and second web-fed rotary printing units.

23. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 further including a material supply unit and material supply unit frames having said prepared connection points for said operating element.

24. (Currently Amended) The printing press of claim 37 further including a web draw-in guide device attached to selected ones ~~one~~ of said plurality of prepared connection points.

25. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 further including a second pair of cylinders in said at least first printing unit and further including a drive connection to couple said first and second pairs of cylinders for being rotatably driven by said at least one first cylinder drive motor.

26. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 22 further including a second pair of cylinders in said second web-fed rotary printing unit and a second drive connection, and further including a second cylinder drive motor adapted to drive said second pair of cylinders independently of said at least one pair of cylinders.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The printing press of claim 37 further including an imprinted and folded product delivery device located on said operating side of said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit.

29. (Previously Presented) A printing press installation comprising:

at least first and second web-fed printing presses;

at least one material supply unit associated with each of said first and second web-fed rotary printing presses;

at least first and second printing units in each one of said at least first and second web-fed rotary printing presses;

at least one drive motor adapted to drive each of said printing units of each of said at least first and second printing presses independently of other ones of said at least first and second printing units;

first and second lateral frames of each said printing press and forming a first, operating side of each said printing press and a second side of each said printing press and facing away from said operating side of each said printing press, each of said first and second lateral frames of each of said at least first and second web-fed rotary printing presses having a plurality of prepared connection points;

at least one operating element selectively connected to one of said prepared connection points on one of said lateral sides of each said printing press and defining said first, operating side, said at least one operating element being usable for the control of functions of each said printing press;

a first one of said at least first and second web-fed rotary printing presses having said at least one drive motor on said operating side of said first printing press; and

a second one of said at least first and second web-fed rotary printing presses having said at least one drive motor on said second side opposite to said first, operating side of said second printing press.

30. (Previously Presented) The printing press installation of claim 29 wherein each said printing unit is driven independently by at least one drive motor.

31. (Previously Presented) The printing press installation of claim 29 wherein all of said printing units of said first printing press have said printing unit drive motors on said operating side.

32. (Previously Presented) The printing press installation of claim 29 wherein all of said printing units of said second printing press have said printing unit drive motors on said opposite side.

33. (Previously Presented) The printing press installation of claim 29 further including a linear traversing device connecting said at least first and second printing units of said first printing press remote from said first, operating side.

34. (Previously Presented) The printing press installation of claim 29 further including a first folded product delivery device associated with said first printing press and a second folded product delivery device associated with said second printing press, said first delivery device being oriented to said operating side of said first printing press, said second delivery device being oriented to said side of said second printing press facing away from said at least one printing unit drive motor.

35. (Previously Presented) The printing press installation of claim 29 wherein said first printing press and said second printing press are each provided with a longitudinal axis, said first and second printing press longitudinal axes extending parallel to, and spaced from each other.

36. (Previously Presented) The printing press installation of claim 29 wherein said first printing press and said second printing press are each provided with a longitudinal axis and further wherein said longitudinal axes are both aligned in a production direction of said first and second presses.

37. (Currently Amended) A printing press comprising:

at least a first web-fed rotary printing unit;

at least one pair of cylinders, including a forme cylinder and a transfer cylinder, in said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit;

first and second spaced lateral frames defining first and second sides of said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit, each of said first and second spaced lateral frames being adapted to receive an end of each of said at least one pair of cylinders for said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit;

a plurality of prepared connection points on each of said first and second lateral frames, each of said plurality of prepared connection points being adapted to selectively receive a printing unit operating element, each said printing unit operating element being usable for the control of functions of said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit, each said printing unit operating element being selectively positionable in at least one of said plurality of prepared connection points of one of said first and second lateral frames of said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit to define an operating side of said printing press; and

at least one first cylinder drive motor for said at least one pair of cylinders in said at least first web-fed rotary printing unit, said at least one cylinder drive motor and each said printing unit operating element each being ~~selectively~~ positionable in one of said plurality of prepared connection points on said one of said first and second lateral frames defining said operating side of said printing press.

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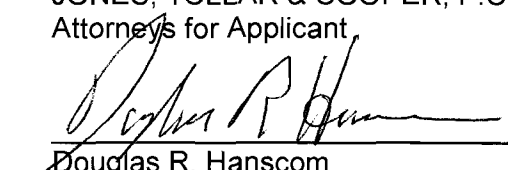
During a review of the allowed claims, in the subject application, in response to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, it was determined that the last clause of newly presented claim 37 was in error. That language has now been corrected. It is believed that the changes to the language of allowed claim 37 do not affect the allowability of that claim. Claim 19 was noted as improperly including a colon. That colon has now been deleted. Claim 24 was noted as having a minor typographical error which has been corrected.

Entry of this Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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